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Letter dated 15 December 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

Since its establishment on 15 April 1995, the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) has consistently assisted my efforts to advance the cause of peace and reconciliation in Somalia through its contacts with Somali and subregional leaders, civil society organizations and all other States and organizations concerned by the Somali crisis. UNPOS has also been closely monitoring the situation in Somalia and has assisted me in providing briefings and periodic reports to the Security Council.

The Security Council, in its resolution 1872 (2009), requested me, through my Special Representative for Somalia and UNPOS, to coordinate effectively and develop an integrated approach to all activities of the United Nations system in Somalia, to provide good offices and political support for the efforts to establish lasting peace and stability in Somalia, and to mobilize resources and support from the international community for both the immediate recovery and long-term economic development of Somalia.

In the same resolution, the Security Council requested me to expedite the proposed deployment of elements of UNPOS and other United Nations offices and agencies, including the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission to Somalia (UNSOA), to Mogadishu consistent with the security conditions, as outlined in my report (S/2009/210).

The Security Council further requested me, through my Special Representative for Somalia and UNPOS, to work with the Transitional Federal Government to develop its capacity to address human rights issues and to support the Justice and Reconciliation Working Group to counter impunity.

UNPOS is also responsible for coordinating on the ground the efforts of the United Nations and the international community to combat piracy off the Coast of Somalia. Furthermore, UNPOS is a member of the anti-piracy coordination centre based in Nairobi, which represents a platform for interaction between United Nations Headquarters and United Nations agencies operating on the ground in the area of piracy.

During the biennium 2010-2011, UNPOS will continue, inter alia, to carry out the following tasks: assist efforts to strengthen and render operational Somalia's Transitional Federal Institutions; guide the international community's efforts to re-establish Somalia's security apparatus; coordinate United Nations political,

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security, electoral, humanitarian, recovery and development support to the Somali people and to the Transitional Federation Government; coordinate on the ground the efforts of the United Nations and the international community in the fight against piracy; and support the regional authorities of "Puntland" and "Somaliland" in their efforts to maintain the relative stability that prevails in these two regions of Somalia. UNPOS will also continue to work closely with United Nations Headquarters on updating the contingency planning for the possible deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping mission in Somalia.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon